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SUBJECT: ARAB TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION MEETING IN TUNIS, NOV 21-
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1. FOLLOWING, OBTAINED FROM ITU SOURCES, IS PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF
PLENARY MEETING OF ARAB TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ATU) TO BE
HELD IN UNIS NOV 21-DEC 11, 1974:

- (1) ENVISAGED ARAB COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK;
- (2) ESTABLISHMENT OF ARAB ORGANIZATION TO BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR SUPERVISING OPERATIONS OF SPACE COMMUNICATIONS IN ARAB
COUNTRIES;
- (3) NEW PLAN OF ARAB COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK;
- (4) SEMINARS FOR THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

2. ITU HAS BEEN INVITED TO SEND OBSERVER TO ATU PLENARY.

3. INTELSAT REQUEST INVITATION TO ATTEND PLENARY AS OBSERVER
AND EGYPTIAN SOURCES INDICATE THAT PLENARY WILL DECIDE WHETHER
OR NOT TO EXTEND THIS INVITATION. INTELSAT SYG HAS BEEN
SO INFORMED, ITU SOURCES REPORT.

4. GENEVA TELECOM INDUSTRY SOURCES REPORT THAT NEWSPAPER
DIE WELT RECENTLY CARRIED STORY STATING THAT FOLLOWING
FRENCH FONMIN VISIT TO MIDEAST, ARAB SATELLITE
PROJECT ORGANIZERS DECIDED TO INCORPORATE IN TENDER
SPECIFICATIONS FOR SATELLITE SYSTEM REQUIREMENT THAT EQUIPMENT OFFERED

BE COMPATIBLE WITH FRENCH SECAM COLOR TV SYSTEM. IF THIS
WERE TRUE, PROPOSED ARAB SYSTEM WOULD NOT BE COMPATIBLE WITH
US, BULK OF CONTINENTAL EUROPEAN TV SYSTEMS (FRG, UK, SWISS,
ETC.) BUT WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH FRENCH, SOVIET TV SYSTEMS.
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